

LARGE FORTUNES ARE CONFISCATED BY REBEL LEADER

Louis Terrazas, Enrique and Juan Creel Lose Property as They Are Held as Aid to the Huerta Government.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 17.—All the property of Luis Terrazas, sr., Enrique Creel and Juan Creel, including banks, mines, vast areas of land, thousands of head of cattle, homes and personal effects, were ordered confiscated to the rebels in an official decree issued by Gen. Francisco Villa Tuesday.

Mr. Terrazas, now a refugee in the United States, is one of the richest men in Mexico. His holdings of about two-thirds of the state of Chihuahua, is said to place him among the most extensive land holders of the world. The combined estate of the Terrazas and the Creel brothers, his nephews, is valued at many millions of dollars. Enrique Creel was formerly ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Gen. Villa's decree issued at Chihuahua, was sent to Juarez and given out officially. It was intended as a notice that should the revolution succeed neither the Terrazas nor the Creel families will be allowed any indemnity for their losses.

All Contracts Void.
The decree accuses the Creels and the Terrazas families of "withholding taxation and of fomenting the treachery of Orozco and Huerta," and states that the property shall be given to the widows and orphans caused by bloodshed among the Mexicans. All contracts made with the Creels and Terrazas since Feb. 18, 1913, are declared void.

Luis Terrazas, jr., eldest son of the land owner, is held a prisoner at Chihuahua, and the rebels have appropriated to their use as much of the movable property as they could seize.

Efforts were made by rebel leaders working directly with Gen. Villa Tuesday to effect some sort of a settlement in regard to the property of the expelled Spaniards. It was that a proposal should be made to invoice all the property in the Spanish stores and shops and to allow the Spaniards to pay for the property in goods.

Gen. Villa replied he was willing to pay for the property in so-called constitutional money which the Spaniards before their departure, declared to be worthless.

More Refugees Arrive.
Two hundred more refugees, including Americans and Spaniards, reached El Paso from Chihuahua Tuesday. Among the arrivals was Mrs. Marion Letcher, wife of the United States consul at Chihuahua. Mrs. Letcher said if the consul had been prevented by Villa from sending cipher messages to her, she as had been reported by refugees, she had not heard of it.

Threatened with an attack at Chihuahua by federal troops, reported to have advanced from the border, Gen. Villa Tuesday despatched 2,000 rebels as an advance guard to head off the advancing troops.

The decision of the federal troops to show aggressive action was believed to have resulted from the facts that the rebels had to scatter their forces in following Gen. Merceda's retreat to Ojinaga on the border. Villa has about 3,000 soldiers in the vicinity of Ojinaga, and 2,000 in Juarez, which leaves him less than 5,000 in Chihuahua.

With Torreón, an important railroad center directly south of Villa's present position, the federalists have a base from which the rebels believe a movement toward Chihuahua has been begun.

ELEVEN JURORS FIND FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Suit Filed by Clarence Hushower for \$10,000 Damages for False Arrest is Disposed of in Superior Court.

Eleven men returned a verdict for the defendants in superior court Tuesday night in the suit of Clarence Hushower, who was trying to collect \$10,000 damages from William Cassidy, chief of detectives, and Larry Lane, for alleged false arrest, during the Billy Sunday revival here last summer. They were out for an hour.

George W. Kuhn, one of the jurors who heard the testimony from Hushower, was called in order to permit him to attend the funeral of his mother which is to be held in Mishawaka Wednesday. It was explained that the evidence might require the attention of the jurors for several hours, in which case, it would be impossible for Kuhn to attend the funeral.

It was agreed by the attorneys for both sides that the case be given to the 11 men and that they then could return the verdict. The court agreed and Kuhn was allowed to go.

In instructing the jury, the court held that the defendants were empowered to cause the arrest of the plaintiff if he was seen violating either a state law or city ordinance. It was held that a warrant was not necessary and that the officers were privileged to use reasonable force in taking the defendant with them.

The contention of the defendants was that the plaintiff had violated a city ordinance by his alleged refusal to obey the commands of the officer, who was directing the traffic around the Sunday tabernacle.

Hushower asked damages for assault and battery and false imprisonment which he charged in his complaint. Attys. George Sands and I. S. Romig represented the defendants.

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OTHER SOUTH BENDERS WIN AT POULTRY SHOW

In addition to Frank E. Hering's Silver Campfire sweepstakes champions, many other prizes were awarded to South Benders at the Mid-West Poultry association's exhibition in Chicago.

Among them were: On Dark Cornish pullets, Stuebaker farm; black-breasted red game bantam cockerel, pullets and cock, silver wing bantam cockerel, white game cockerel and pullets.

Seventy-eight awards at this exhibition were divided between fifty-one poultrymen and poultrywomen from Indiana in competition with exhibitors from twenty-nine other states.

DEATHS

VICTOR McALLISTER.

Despondent when a long illness from tuberculosis drove him to the county farm, Victor McAllister died Wednesday morning.

McAllister was for many years a driver for the Bell Telephone company, on a line wagon. Consumption compelled him to give up his work nearly a year ago, and he was finally taken to the poor farm about a week ago where he could be cared for. Dropsy and heart disease hastened his death. He was 55 years old and came here over 25 years ago from Jackson, Mich., where he was born.

His only known relative is a brother, George, in South Dakota. Word was sent to him in the morning. Funeral services will probably be held from the Russell chapel, Friday.

FUNERALS.

MRS. CARLOTTA ORT.

Funeral services of Mrs. Carlotta Ort will be held at the First Evangelical church Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Evans officiating. The body may be viewed at the residence at 1:30. Burial will take place in the city cemetery.

LAURA STACHOWIAK.

The funeral of Laura Stachowiak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stachowiak, 1501 W. Fisher st., took place Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the residence to St. Casimir's church. Burial was made in St. Joseph Polish cemetery.

DAMIS PAUL.

With requiem mass read by Rev. Father Cavanaugh, president of the university, Damis Paul, professor of music at Notre Dame, was buried from Sacred Heart church at 10 o'clock this morning. Father M. A. Walsh served as deacon. Father M. A. Schumacher as sub-deacon and Father William French preached the sermon, paying a high tribute to the aged professor. Burial took place in Cedar Grove cemetery.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Jeremiah Bechtel and wife to Benjamin T. Bixler, a tract of land in Madison twp., \$3,100.

Harris Prairie Cemetery Ass'n, to John Pulling, L. 53 Harris Prairie Cemetery, \$20.

Daisy F. Reilly and husband to John B. Sholly and wife, a tract of land in German twp., \$5,000.

MICHIGAN CITY.—The Marion Leather Co., which had the pocket-book contract at the state's prison here, has surrendered its lease on the 100 prisoners and begun the removal of its machinery from the prison. The directors say the prison labor contract has not proved a success. The contract was not to expire until 1920. The prisoners were working for 65 cents a day.

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FACE FINE POINT OF JURISDICTION

Man Sentenced in Elkhart Court for Crime Said to Have Been Committed in St. Joseph Co.

A peculiar complication involving a question of jurisdiction has arisen over the theft of a horse and harness from the stable of Charles Leonard, near Osceola Sunday night.

Leonard came to the prosecutor's office here and consulted with Deputy Daniel Nye about the theft, following the arrest of Floyd Beals in Elkhart charged with the theft. He was advised to prepare his evidence in the case and when Leonard went to Elkhart he found that Beals had already been sentenced in the superior court there to three to fifteen years in the reformatory.

Beals, who is 26 years old, lives with his parents on Pleasant Prairie south of Elkhart, but inasmuch as the theft alleged was committed in St. Joseph county, the Elkhart court would not have jurisdiction to punish the offender. He is said to have confessed and excused his act by pleading intoxication.

Deputy Nye is awaiting further advice from Elkhart before proceeding in the case.

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES

Three judgments were taken on notes in the circuit court Wednesday by the American Trust company. Two were against John J. Konzen and the third against Walter Donovan. The Trust company was awarded judgment for \$904.98 and \$2,331.25 respectively, against Konzen and a judgment for \$1,147.48 against Donovan.

Two damage suits filed by Judah Hagey against the Chicago, South Bend and Northern Indiana railroad, were dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Frame were allowed to adopt Bertha Wagner, a minor child, as their heir. Her name was changed to Leona Nevada Frame. The divorce suit of Burton Abdill against Alta Abdill was dismissed in the superior court on motion of the plaintiff.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Girls' Athletic association of the high school will be entertained at a Christmas party in the high school gymnasium Friday afternoon. The "Reds", the girls of the Monday and Thursday classes, and losers in the recent membership contest, will entertain the "Greens", the Tuesday and Friday classes.

Various games, including dancing and a basketball game between the "Reds" and "Greens" will feature the afternoon. The membership now embraces nearly all the girls in school.

GEORGE WALTER IMPROVED.

George Walter, 817 Howard avenue, removed to the Epworth hospital Monday, suffering from typhoid fever, is reported to be slightly improved.

WIFE CHARGES CRUELTY.

Charging cruelty Hattie Nelson has filed suit for divorce from Louis Nelson in the superior court. They were married Dec. 10, 1911, and separated Dec. 16, 1913.

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POLICE WARN ALL TO BEWARE OF XMAS "DIPS"

Annual Influx of Criminals Begun and Many Petty Cases of Thievery Are Reported.

The annual influx of holiday pickpockets, thieves, burglars, robbers, etc., has begun and the police department has issued a warning to all shoppers to beware. An unusual number of cases of petty thievery have been reported but few clues are at hand. The police believe that several gangs of men are working in different parts of the city as reports of thefts have come from various quarters.

Auto raiding seems to be another specialty of these work. Lamps, bulbs and inside fixings have been reported as well as repair apparatus such as can be removed easily is among the missing loot reported from several places in the past 24 hours. It is believed that there is some place in the city where the repair apparatus is being disposed of.

Burglaries have been made in the daytime as well as at night. Thus far no large amounts have been reported. Last week Orville Penwell on Laporte av., reported that a burglar had entered his home, but was frightened away after getting \$1.50. Small amounts were secured from burglaries on St. Paul's place, and from petty robberies made from residences on Lafayette st. and Colfax av. vicinity.

Detectives are taking extra precautions until Christmas. At each report an official is dispatched to the scene in the hopes of securing some additional evidence that will help him trace out the raiders. No one has been arrested in connection with the several holdup cases reported during the past week.

LANDLORD SUES FOR RENT AFTER TENANT GOT OUT

Whether a landlord can collect rent for two months during which a tenant by the year did not occupy his house was the principal issue in the suit of Thomas F. Berkley against Thomas Moss which went on trial before a jury in the superior court Wednesday.

Moss occupied a house owned by Berkley as a yearly tenant. He charges he gave Berkley a check for rent which the latter refused to accept.

POSTMASTER GIVEN TWO YEAR SENTENCE

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Algie W. Murphy, 27, who Monday pleaded guilty in the federal court here to a charge of embezzling funds of the postal savings bank at Lafayette, Ind., was sentenced to serve two years in the federal prison at Stillwater, Minn. It was charged that Murphy took \$1,714.73.

Max Lauber of Marion, who pleaded guilty to sending a letter through the mails which had printed upon it "collection department," was fined \$50 and costs.

Charles W. Allen, former postmaster at Cass, was sentenced to serve 18 months in the Stillwater prison after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling government funds.

William Doefler pleaded guilty to having hit the postoffice at Richmond, but received a suspended sentence during good behavior. Doefler, who is only 18 years old, told the court that he had been arrested once before at St. Wayne upon a charge of vagrancy.

William C. Bollman, who pleaded

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WILL REPEAT "BEN HUR"

Rev. J. L. Gardiner Can Be Heard Friday Night.

DR. J. L. GARDINER.

Low Wallace's famous story of the Christ known as "Ben Hur" is to be told in a dramatic way by Dr. James L. Gardiner at Trinity Presbyterian church on Friday evening of this week. This story is immortal and its presentation by Dr. Gardiner will thrill and inspire those who hear it as it is told for the second time in this

city. There has been a great demand to hear Dr. Gardiner present the story again and he has consented to do so at Trinity Presbyterian church on the east side. It will be given under the auspices of the Knights of St. Paul Boys of Trinity church and a large audience is expected.

STOMACH TROUBLES DISAPPEAR.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The appellate court affirmed the Tippecanoe superior court today in refusing to set aside a judgment by default for \$1,000 against Fred D. Kruse of Fort Wayne and in favor of the Casparis Stone Co.

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